



**Testimony of the Connecticut Association of
Not-for-profit Providers For the Aging**

Submitted to the Labor and Public Employees Committee

**In Opposition to
Senate Bill 1194, An Act Concerning Fair Wages for Human Services Providers
Contracting with the State**

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The Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers for the Aging (CANPFA) is an organization of over 130 non-profit providers of aging services representing the full continuum of long term care including over 48 skilled nursing facilities and 17 residential care homes who are the subject of the proposed expansion of statutory language contained in Senate Bill 1194.

Senate Bill 1194 proposes to include in the definition of "required human services employer" all the entities listed, including *nursing homes, rest homes and homes for the aged*, but it defines the term as providers "whose rate of reimbursement or compensation is determined by contract or agreement with the state or any state agent." Nursing homes, rest homes and residential care homes' rates are not determined by contract or agreement; they are set forth in statute. These providers do enter into provider agreements with the state, but those agreements do not specify payment terms. Therefore these providers do not fit into the definition of "required human services employer." In addition, we have been advised that there is preemption by federal law allows these employers to set their own wages.

Based on these two issues, CANPFA would like to submit our objection to this proposed bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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